

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION I

Date of Notice: October 2, 2007

Public Notice Number: PN2007-0020

Comment Period: October 3, 2007 – November 1, 2007

Action: Notice of Proposed Assessment of Class II Clean Water Act Section 309(g)(2)(B) Administrative Penalties and Opportunity to Comment

Under Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), EPA is authorized to assess a civil penalty after providing the person subject to the penalty notice of the proposed penalty and the opportunity for a hearing, and after providing interested persons public notice of the proposed penalty and a reasonable opportunity to comment on its issuance. In Class II proceedings under Section 309(g)(2)(B), any person who violates certain provisions of the Clean Water Act may be administratively assessed a civil penalty of up to \$11,000 per violation per day for each day during which the violation continues, up to a maximum of \$157,500. Proceedings are conducted in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits," at 40 C.F.R. Part 22 ("Part 22").

The procedures by which the public may submit written comments on a proposed penalty order or participate in a penalty proceeding are set forth in Part 22. The deadline for submitting public comment on a proposed penalty order is thirty (30) days after issuance of public notice.

Pursuant to Section 309(g), EPA is providing public notice of the following proposed administrative penalty assessment:

In the Matter of: Alden Woods, Inc., C. B. Blair Development Corporation, and McManus Excavating Co., Inc.

Names and Mailing Addresses of Respondents:

Alden Woods, Inc.
87 Main Street
Rutland, Massachusetts 02114-2023

C.B. Blair Development Corporation
87 Main St.
Rutland, Massachusetts 01543

McManus Excavating Company, Inc.
361 Main Street
Northborough, Massachusetts 01532

Name and Address of Facility or Site Addressed by Complaint:

Alden Woods Subdivision
Wachusett Street
Holden, Massachusetts

Description of Business or Activity Conducted by the Respondent:

Construction

Description of Violations Alleged in Complaint: Discharge of stormwater without a permit in violation of the Clean Water Act; failure to apply for permit coverage in violation of the Clean Water Act; and failure to comply with the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Construction Activities.

Proposed Settlement Penalty: Penalties of up to \$11,000 per violation per day for each day during which the violation continues, up to a maximum of \$157,500, from each Respondent.

Name of Case: In the Matter of Alden Woods, Inc., C. B. Blair Development Corporation, and McManus Excavating Co., Inc.

Docket Number: CWA-01-2007-0162

Date Filed with Regional Hearing Clerk: September 28, 2007

Name, Mailing Address, and Telephone Number of Regional Hearing Clerk:
Wanda Rivera, Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region I, One Congress Street,
Boston, Massachusetts 02203; (617) 918-1113.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Persons wishing to receive a copy of Part 22, review the complaint or other documents filed by the parties in this proceeding, comment upon the proposed penalty assessment, or participate in any hearing that may be held, should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk identified above. Unless otherwise noted, the public record for the proceeding is located in the EPA Regional Office at One Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and the file will be open for public inspection during normal business hours.

In order to provide opportunity for public comment, EPA will not take final action in this proceeding prior to thirty (30) days after issuance of this notice.